

Sen. Russell Dropping Armed Services Post

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Sen. Richard B. Russell Committee farewell ceremony (D-Ga.) is dropping his chair- Friday for Hayden, 91, who is manship of the Senate Armed retiring after 41 years in the Services Committee to suc- Senate.

ceed retiring Sen. Carl Hay- Russell was second to Hay- den (D-Ariz.) as Appropria- den in committee seniority tions Committee chairman, a and thus had the option of spokesman for the veteran moving up. But to do so, he Georgia lawmaker said yester- had to give up the top spot on day. the Armed Services Commit- tee, which he has headed for

more than 15 years. Sen. John C. Stennis (D- Miss.) will succeed Russell as If Russell had turned down the Appropriations chairman- ship, next in line would have

Russell's office said the Sen- been Sen. Allen Ellender (D- ator disclosed his intention following an Appropriations La.).